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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

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: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

: Amendment to Government Printing and Binding

Regulations

REFERENCE

: Letter to Heads of Departments from the Chairman,

Joint Committee on Printing, May 3, 1972

- 1. Referent circular memorandum from the Joint Committee on Printing announces that the Government Printing Office will henceforth be authorized to distribute and sell publications in microfilm and other microforms, in addition to hard copy. It also amends the "Government Printing and Binding Regulations" to direct Federal agencies to maintain the same control over publications issued in microform as they already are required to exercise over material distributed in printed form.
- 2. The Printing Services Division of this Office is the designated point of liaison in the Agency with the Joint Committee on Printing and the Government Printing Office. PSD participated in discussions of the Electronics Sub-Committee leading to the changes reflected in the attached. The Chief, PSD, indicates that the changes will have no effect on our operations and states that informal contact with the staff of the Joint Committee reflects that no acknowledgement of the memorandum is expected.
- 3. As a matter of interest, the action of the Joint Committee recognizes the increasing utilization of microforms in the publishing and records management areas in both the private and the public sectors. This Agency has, of course, been a leader in the use of microforms for information storage and retrieval purposes and in recent years is making increasing use of microfilm (including computer output on microfilm), microfiche and aperture cards for active records and records storage purposes. We expect that this trend will continue.

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## Congress of the United States Joint Committee on Printing

May 3, 1972

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TO: HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

The Public Printer recently reported to the Joint Committee on Printing on the over-lapping and duplication in the sale and distribution of both microform and hard copy publications which is currently going on in the Federal Government.

These fields of activity are within the purview of Chapters 17 and 19, "Distribution and Sale of Public Documents" and "Depository Library Programs," respectively, of Title 44, U.S. Code.

Consequently, pursuant to the provisions of Section 103, Title 44, USC, the Public Printer has been authorized and directed:

- (1) To take all necessary steps to effectuate the sale and distribution of hard copy Federal publications in accordance with the provisions of the cited chapters as well as all applicable provisions of this Committee's regulations, and,
- (2) To establish the capability of distributing and selling publications in microform, and to that end:
- (a) to procure multiple copies of microform publications via competitively established commercial contracts, all also in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 17 and 19, title 44, USC, and this Committee's regulations.

The Joint Committee on Printing also has concluded that micropublishing in the Government, being within the purview of the provisions of Title 44, USC, hereinbefore cited, shall be clearly identified within its regulations. Consequently, paragraph 30 of "Government Printing and Binding Regulations," No. 21, April 1971 is hereby amended, as follows:

"Heads of departments shall maintain under their direct supervision a central printing and publications management service with responsibility for the conduct of a coordinated program controlling the development of materials to be produced, procured, or distributed through the utilization of conventional printing and binding methods or through the utilization of multiple copy microform methods. Also, the committee strongly urges that the central printing and publications management service maintain equal responsibility and control of duplicated matter."

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Your particular attention is invited to the purpose and scope identified in paragraph 2 of this policy communication which covers the responsibility of the Superintendent of Documents in consonance with the Joint Committee's intent. Constructive suggestions relative to questions or problems involved with your prompt effectuation of this policy are invited.

Trusting that this will be accepted and pursued in advancing our mutual purpose of carrying out the worthwhile objectives of the Federal printing program, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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